

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A medal keeping and paying system comprising a medal keeping and paying apparatus, the medal keeping and paying apparatus comprising,

medal keeping means for counting and keeping an input medal,

medal paying means for paying a medal if a payment signal is input,

right person information inputting means for inputting right person peculiar information for identifying a right person such as physical information to authenticate the right person,

operation information storing means for storing count information of at least the medal keeping means,

right person information storing means in which the right person peculiar information for identifying the right person such as the physical information to authenticate the right person is previously stored,

a memory for temporarily keeping information which is being processed such as the count information of the medal keeping means, and

a processing section which authenticate the right person from the right person peculiar information input from the right person information inputting means and the right person peculiar information stored in the right person information storing means, and which outputs, when the right person is

authenticated, a payment signal to the medal paying means based on the count information of the keeping medal stored in the operation information storing means and controls payment of a medal on deposit from the medal paying means, wherein

the processing section includes a network interface, and inputs, stores and renews the count information of at least the medal keeping means and right person authorization information through the network interface, and the processing section can access the operation information storing means through the network interface.

2. A medal keeping and paying system according to claim 1, comprising a server's medal keeping and paying apparatus having the operation information storing means, and a client's medal keeping and paying apparatus,

the client's medal keeping and paying apparatus comprising, medal keeping means for counting and keeping an input medal, medal paying means for paying a medal if a payment signal is input, right person information inputting means for inputting right person peculiar information for identifying a right person such as physical information to authenticate a right person, right person information storing means in which the right person peculiar information for identifying the right person such as the physical information to authenticate the right person is previously stored, a memory for temporarily keeping information which is being processed such as the count information of the medal keeping means, and processing section

which authenticates a right person from the right person peculiar information input from the right person information inputting means and the right person peculiar information stored in the right person information storing means, and when the right person is authenticated, the processing section accesses the operation information storing means through the network interface, outputs a payment signal to the medal paying means based on the count information of a medal on deposit stored in the operation information storing means, and controls the payment of the medal on deposit from the medal paying means, wherein the number of the client's medal keeping and paying apparatus is increased through network, and wherein

at least the count information of the medal keeping means and the right person authorization information in the client's medal keeping and paying apparatus to the server's medal keeping and paying apparatus through the network interface, each input information is stored and renewed in the operation information storing means, the client's medal keeping and paying apparatus can access the operation information storing means of the server's medal keeping and paying apparatus.

3. A medal keeping and paying system according to claim 1, wherein

the number of medal keeping and paying apparatus having the operation information storing means is two.

4. A medal keeping and paying system according to claim 2, wherein

the number of medal keeping and paying apparatus having

the operation information storing means is two.

5. A medal keeping and paying system according to claims 1, wherein

the right person information storing means stores the right person peculiar information, and is an information record card possessed by a right person,

the medal keeping and paying system further comprises information reading means for reading the right person peculiar information from the information record card,

the processing section processes the right person peculiar information read from the information record card by the information reading means to authenticate the right person.

6. A medal keeping and paying system according to claims 2, wherein

the right person information storing means stores the right person peculiar information, and is an information record card possessed by a right person,

the medal keeping and paying system further comprises information reading means for reading the right person peculiar information from the information record card,

the processing section processes the right person peculiar information read from the information record card by the information reading means to authenticate the right person.

7. A medal keeping and paying system according to claims 3, wherein

the right person information storing means stores the



to authenticate the right person.

10. A medal keeping and paying system according to claims 2, further comprising

index information inputting means for inputting index information to read out the right person peculiar information from the right person information storing means, wherein

the processing section processes the right person peculiar information read out by the input index information to authenticate the right person.

11. A medal keeping and paying system according to claims 3, further comprising

index information inputting means for inputting index information to read out the right person peculiar information from the right person information storing means, wherein

the processing section processes the right person peculiar information read out by the input index information to authenticate the right person.

12. A medal keeping and paying system according to claims 4, further comprising

index information inputting means for inputting index information to read out the right person peculiar information from the right person information storing means, wherein

the processing section processes the right person peculiar information read out by the input index information to authenticate the right person.